

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 15 January 1998
 Name of applicant/court: Comptroller of Customs
 Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
 Title of Publication: Eels for Pleasure 3
 Other Known Titles: Not Stated
 Director: Not Stated
 Producer: Not Stated
 Publisher: Not Applicable
 Author: Not Applicable
 Format: Video Recording VHS/PAL
 Country of Origin: Netherlands
 Language: French

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Eels for Pleasure 3	Running time:	52.56
Trailers:	Bizarre International Notice	Running time:	0.45
		Total Running time:	53.41

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video recording entitled *Eels for Pleasure 3* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The video recording promotes and supports bestiality. It contains one extended scene in which a female inserts eels into the vagina and anus of another, or rubs the eels over the other's body. The sustained genital focus indicates this scene is intended for the sexual titillation of the viewer.

The Classification Office must consider whether it would classify the publication differently if this scene were to be excised. In this case, it considers that the remainder of the publication would also be classified as objectionable, because of the extent and degree to which it degrades and dehumanises its female participants. The females present as no more than agents to perform sexual activity, for the titillation of the viewer. Their movements are mechanical and slow. There is minimal interaction between them. Their obvious lack of enthusiasm for, and sometimes discomfort with, the activity is disregarded throughout the filming, which focuses largely on their genitals as they perform sexual activity.

The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) cannot be applied to the publication, as it contains material deemed to objectionable under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. Section 3(2) is a deeming provision, which is inconsistent with and overrides the rights and freedoms contained in the NZBR Act.

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